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SUBJECT: Award of Contracts Requiring Access to U.S. Classified Information to

Saudi Arabian Companies (OUSDP Memo, 14 Apr 98)

Subject memo (attached) advises that contracts which require use of U.S. classified information should not be placed with Saudi companies due to the absence of a reciprocal industrial security agreement. We will advise when circumstances change. Please ensure appropriate dissemination of subject memo within contracting channels.

> TERRY L. RANEY, Colonel, USAF Acting Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary (Contracting) Assistant Secretary (Acquisition)

Attachment: OUSDP Memo, 14 Apr 98

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SUBJECT: Award of Contracts Requiring Access to U.S. Classified Information to Saudi Arabian Companies

It has come to our attention that DoD Components may not be fully informed of the lack of industrial security protections in Saudi Arabia. The Umited States and Saudi Arabia have no reciprocal industrial security agreement between the two countries. Moreover, the Government of Saudi Arabia has not yet established an industrial security program. The only Saudi company which currently holds an industrial security security clearance is the Advanced Electronics Company (AEC). All other Saudi companies, including joint venture companies, do not hold facility security clearances and thus are not eligible for work involving U.S. classified information until the Government of Saudi Arabia provides a facility security clearance.

We do not concur with the opinion expressed by some elements of DoD that a joint venture company incorporated in Szudi Arabia can be considered a U.S. person based on some provisions of its bylaws. Pursuant to section 120.16 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulation, 22 CFR 120.16, a company that is not incorporated to do business in the United States is a foreign person. Placement of classified contracts to foreign contractors is governed by section 8-104 of the DoD Industrial Security Regulation, DoD 5220.22-R.

We have recently reinitiated discussions with the Government of Saudi Arabia concerning establishment of a Saudi industrial security program and, subsequently, a reciprocal industrial security agreement. We will notify you once such an agreement has been concluded. In the interim, please ensure that your components do not place contracts with Saudi companies which require use of U.S. classified information.

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Director, International Security Programs

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